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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the amendments and accompanying remarks. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$510.00 which covers the fee for a three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due in connection with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with the reference to our matter No. 20253-71466.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.